

Tidings From Timothy

Last Sunday was a bit of problem for all those who were stuck at home due to the weather, your's truly included! But it is good to see you all with us today. We have several activities planned and hope that you can participate in them all.

This morning's sermon will be on Philippians 4:4-9 – Think on these things. This evening will be spent primarily in singing.

Youth Devotional: Tomorrow night about 7pm at the Clements, we will have our holiday youth devotional. I can almost promise you that you have never been in a small group devotional study like this one will be.

The boys need to bring a drink and the girls something sweet. Also, if you can financially assist with this devotional, then please see me today.

Next Sunday: Lord willing, we plan to have our Christmas Caroling this afternoon following lunch at the Nursing Home, and then in the evening we have our last fellowship meal of the year to go along with our ornament exchange. Last year we had finger foods for this meal.

Gift-Exchangers: There is still time to get signed up for this for next year. You know you always wanted a “secret pal” so this is your chance to have one. The forms are below the Barnabas Board on the little desk.

Barnabas Board: Look in the slots to find your Christmas Cards. We have lots and lots of them so chances are you have one! Get your card today.

In Need of Prayer: Buel Abney will go tomorrow for a visit with the doctors to find out what can be done about his cancer. Lowell Branstetter is now at the nursing home. Kerry McPherson is recovering from his latest hip surgery but is still sore.

Making Things Convenient

The Friday after Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year. Many businesses' success for the entire year pivot on the last few weeks of the year and some totally depend on the receipts received on the day following Thanksgiving.

I saw a news report which showed many shoppers who actually came to one shopping center hours before the stores opened. They stood outside and

endured the cold weather in order that they might be in the first group of shoppers to enter. They were willing to expose themselves to discomfort for hours just to be able to enter a store and purchase material goods.

So many will inconvenience themselves for secular activities, but when it comes to the worship services there is often little or no interest when everything is made as convenient as possible. The building is warm (or cooled if necessary) and dry. Services usually begin late enough in the day for everyone to conveniently be there, yet many choose to come late or not at all. The seats are often padded to make sitting as comfortable as possible. We worship in luxury compared to so many who have gone before us.

Not only are the physical elements of our worshipping comfortable, there are intangible blessings as well. We live in a time and place where we can freely worship. Since my childhood, I have heard men pray and offer thanks that we can worship without fear from persecution and molestation. Many have had to fear for their lives if they obeyed the Lord. We have never known that fear.

We can worship as often and as long as we desire. We do not have to ask permission from nor do we have to answer to our government. How many people of days gone by would love to have this one blessing? How many people in the future might look back and desire what we now so often take for granted?

Our freedom to worship is a wonderful blessing, but many are squandering it. Each worship service missed is one forever lost-- it can never be regained. Let us attend worship services each opportunity we have. The Lord expects that from us. The inspired writer said in Hebrews 10:25, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* --Marty Edwards--

We want to wish
everyone a very
Merry Christmas
and a most
Happy New Year!

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Lord's Supper Reading: Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Elders:

Keith Dyer.....427-4105
 Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
 Roger Deckard.....487-8544
 Steve Carter.....487-8746

Deacons: Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Bobby Harlan, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland

Evangelist:

Tim McHenry, 931-258-3494
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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

Listen to our Sunday Morning Radio Sermon on WTKY 1370 AM & 92.1, 102.7, 101.5 FM at 8:30am each week, and to our weekday 10min program after the Noonday news.

What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Timmy	Gillenwater	12/19
Calvin	Clements	12/21
Rocky	Evans	12/21
Hilda	Rhoton	12/21
Herold	Wilson	12/21
Ronnie	Branstetter	12/25
Travis	Page	12/25